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REMARKS

Claims 2-7 have been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended. New claims 8-14 are added. Claims 1 and 8-14 are now pending in this application. Support for the amendment to the specification is found in the present specification at page 13, Formula (17). Support for the amendment to claim 1 and the new claims is found in the original claims. Accordingly, the amendments do not constitute the addition of new matter. Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Abstract

A revised Abstract on a separate sheet is submitted herewith.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Selby, et al.

The Examiner asserts that claim 1 is drawn to a compound and Selby et al. disclose compounds meeting the limitations of the claimed compound. Regarding claims 2-7, the Examiner further asserts that the compound of claim 1 is the only positive limitation with respect to the claimed device (claims 2-5), the claimed electroluminescent material (claim 6) and the claimed hole transport material (claim 7).

This ground of rejection is believed to be overcome by Applicants' amendment of claim 1. Selby et al. only disclose certain compounds represented by formula (1) of the present invention wherein each Y¹ represents a phenylene group and Y² represents 2, 7-naphthylene. Consequently, Selby et al. do not anticipate claim 1 as amended.

Regarding claims 9-14, Selby et al. only disclose the structure and certain physical properties such as ESR and NMR. Selby, et al do not teach the described compound in combination with an organic electroluminescent device or an organic electroluminescent material. As described in the present specification, although various hole transport materials have been known, there are very few materials having sufficient performance and being suitable for practical use when these materials are used in an organic electroluminescent device. Consequently, Selby et al. cannot anticipate the organic electroluminescent device and material comprising the presently claimed compounds.

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In view of Applicants' amendments and arguments, reconsideration and withdrawal of the above ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of Applicants' amendments to the claims and the foregoing Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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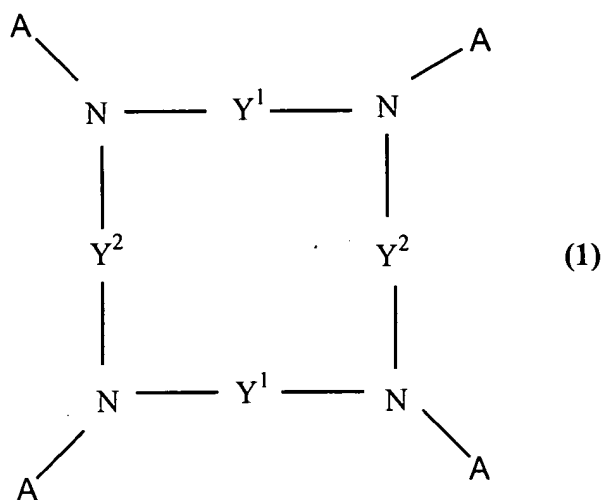
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CYCLIC TERTIARY AMINE COMPOUND AND ORGANIC ELECTROLUMINESCENT DEVICE CONTAINING THE COMPOUND

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A cyclic tertiary amine compound represented by a formula (1) and an organic luminescent device are disclosed. Use of the cyclic tertiary amine compound as a hole transport material, a hole injection material or an organic electroluminescent material can provide organic EL devices having high luminous efficiency and a long service life.



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